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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CURRENT QUARANTINE MEASURES.

[From the Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes, Berlin, April 23, 1907.]

CHOLERA.

KOREA.—March 25. The German consul at Seoul has removed sanitary police inspection of vessels from Moji.

PLAGUE.

EGYPT.—April 9. Plague regulations in force at ports in Egypt against arrivals from Verawal.

SPAIN.—April 8. Plague announced as present in Guayaquil.

BARBADOS.

Report from Bridgetown—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Urquhart reports, April 25:

Week ended April 25. Bills of health were issued to 6 steamships, having a total of 238 members of crews and 75 passengers.

The sanitary condition of this port remains good. No cases of yellow fever have been reported on the island since the case that died April 14.

No quarantinable diseases were reported during the week for the port or island.

BRAZIL.

Reports from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague and smallpox—Summary of plague and smallpox—Smallpox on steamship Avon at Bahia.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, April 9 and 18:

Week ended April 6. Vessels inspected and received bills of health: March 30 the British steamship *Royal Prince*, for New Orleans, La., with a cargo of coffee, no passenger from this port and no change in the personnel; this vessel had passengers from the River Plate and Santos, but none from this port; on the same date the British steamship *Italian Prince*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no change in the personnel, and with no passengers; on the same date the British steamship *Heronspool*, for Tampa, Fla., with water ballast, no change in personnel, and no passengers; April 2 the British steamship *Pontiac*, for New York, with coffee, no passengers, and no change in

the crew personnel, and on the same date the British steamship *Byron*, for New York, with cargo of coffee, 2 new members of the crew signed on here, and with 8 cabin and 13 steerage passengers. No other vessels left this port for United States ports during the period under report.

Mortality—Plague and smallpox.—Week ended April 5, 1908. Total deaths, 332. No cases or deaths due to yellow fever. Bubonic plague caused 1 death, with no new reported cases, and smallpox caused 53 deaths, with 152 new reported cases during the week. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião 165 cases of smallpox under treatment.

Week ended April 12. Vessels issued bills of health: April 8, the German steamship *Seiglinde*, for New York, in cargo of coffee, with 3 cabin and 8 steerage passengers from this port to New York, and with no change in the personnel of the crew; April 9, the Spanish bark *Irene*, for Brunswick, Ga., in stone ballast, with no passengers and with no change in the crew personnel. No other vessels left this port during the week bound for United States ports.

Mortality—Plague and smallpox.—Week ended April 12, 1908. No deaths nor cases due to yellow fever. Bubonic plague caused no deaths, but one new case was reported. Smallpox caused 51 deaths, with a report of 88 new cases. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião no cases of yellow fever or plague under treatment, but there were 153 cases of smallpox under treatment.

Cases and deaths due to smallpox from January 1 to April 12.

1908.	Cases.	Deaths.	1908.	Cases.	Deaths.
January 5	32	15	March 8	38	23
January 12	14	13	March 15	87	21
January 19	39	13	March 22	96	46
January 26	24	14	March 29	100	24
February 2	29	13	April 5	152	83
February 9	30	20	April 12	88	51
February 16	22	16	Total	863	384
February 23	47	4			
March 1	65	28			

It will be seen by the following table that bubonic plague instead of increasing this year has very sensibly diminished:

1908.	Cases.	Deaths.	1908.	Cases.	Deaths.
January 5	4	1	March 8	0	0
January 12	3	0	March 15	1	1
January 19	1	0	March 22	3	0
January 26	5	0	March 29	0	0
February 2	4	0	April 5	0	1
February 9	1	0	April 12	1	0
February 16	1	1	Total	25	4
February 23	1	0			
March 1	0	0			

Many of the reported cases of bubonic plague proved not to be plague, which accounts for the seemingly low death rate.

Telegraphic information states that the R. M. S. *Avon*, which left this port April 9, on arrival at Bahia, Brazil, had a case of smallpox among the immigrants taken on in this port. She arrived there April 11.